

# WHITE TANK MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK MONTHLY PROGRAMS

## PARK HOURS:

Sunday – Thursday: 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Friday – Saturday: 6 a.m. – 10 p.m.  
365 days a year

## NATURE CENTER HOURS:

Monday: Saturday: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Sunday: Closed

## ADMIN. OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

## PARK FEES:

\$6 vehicle day-use entry fee (no additional fees for programs, unless otherwise noted)

## DIRECTIONS:

**NORTH:** Due to recent construction changes, there is no longer an exit off the 303 at Olive Ave. If you are coming from the north on 303, exit at Peoria Ave. Take Peoria west (right) to Cotton Lane. Turn south (left) on Cotton and then west (right) on Olive Ave. Follow Olive Ave. to the park entrance.

**SOUTH:** Construction is still occurring at the I-10/303 interchange. It is recommended to exit I-10 at Pebble Creek Parkway north to Indian School Rd. Turn left on Indian School and follow to Cotton Lane. Turn north (right) on Cotton Lane and follow it to Olive Ave. Turn west (left) on Olive Ave. and follow to the park entrance.

## WEBSITE:

[www.maricopa.gov/parks/white\\_tank/](http://www.maricopa.gov/parks/white_tank/)



## Maricopa County

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## JULY 2014

### FEATURED PROGRAMS

#### Detectives of the Past

**Date:** 7/3/2014 **Time:** 10 a.m.

**Description:** How do archaeologists know what they know about the past? Join Ranger Jessica, a former archaeologist, to find out! Learn about the science of archaeology and what it can and can't tell us about the various cultures that have called the White Tank area home. This program, held in the Nature Center classroom, is geared toward older children and adults. This program is part of the "County Parks are getting Wet 'n' Wild this Summer" promotion. After the program, we will be giving away a family four-pack (4 tickets to Wet 'n' Wild Water Park – a \$160 value!).

**Core:** Archaeology & History

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#### Summer Reading Program – Sonoran Style!

**Date:** 7/9/2014 **Time:** 11 a.m.

**Description:** Hey kids! Take a break from the heat and join Ranger Jessica for some reading and coloring time in the air-conditioned Nature Center classroom. A variety of fun books about the Sonoran Desert will be available for you to read so you can earn some points toward your summer reading goal. You will also earn 25 extra points for attending the program. Maybe Ranger Jessica will even introduce you to one of the friendly snakes that live at the Nature Center!

**Core:** Entertainment & Social Skills

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#### Family Moonlight Hike

**Date:** 7/11/2014 **Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Description:** See the desert in a different light – moonlight! Load up the kids and join us on a 1 ½ mile roundtrip hike on the Waddell Trail, where we'll look for bats and other night creatures as we walk along. Bring your scorpion light, a flashlight, and wear closed-toe shoes. Please leave your dog at home. Please meet at Area 7.

**Core:** Entertainment & Social Skills

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#### Adult Moonlight Hike

**Date:** 7/12/2014 **Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Description:** See the desert in a different light – moonlight! Join us for a 1 ½ mile roundtrip hike on the Waddell Trail. Bring a flashlight, your scorpion light, and wear closed-toe shoes. Please leave your dog at home. Please meet at Area 7.

**Core:** Entertainment & Social Skills

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#### Early Bird Walk and Program

**Date:** 7/14/2014 **Time:** 6 a.m.

**Description:** Join birder Joe Ford from the Audubon Society for an early morning bird walk along the Waterfall Trail (1.8 miles roundtrip). After the walk, at 9:00am, Joe will be presenting a program about raptors in the Nature Center classroom. Join him for the bird walk, the program, or both. Please meet at Area 6 for the walk.

**Core:** Health & Fitness

## MONTHLY EVENTS

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**Core:** Archaeology & History

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### Snake Feeding

**Date:** 7/4/2014 **Time:** 3 p.m.

**Description:** Have you ever seen a snake eat its dinner? Join us at the Nature Center to watch park staff feed our resident creatures, including rattlesnakes, scorpions, a Gila monster, a black widow, and a tarantula.

**Core:** Animals

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**Core:** Entertainment & Social Skills

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**Core:** Animals

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### Snake Feeding

**Date:** 7/18/2014 **Time:** 3 p.m.

**Description:** Have you ever seen a snake eat its dinner? Join us at the Nature Center to watch park staff feed our resident creatures, including rattlesnakes, scorpions, a Gila monster, a black widow, and a tarantula.

**Core:** Animals

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### Early Morning Fitness Hike

**Date:** 7/19/2014 **Time:** 5:30 a.m.

**Description:** Set your alarm and get a great start to your day! Join us for an early morning fitness hike. Our route will encompass portions of several of the park's easy to moderate trails. Total distance is under 4 miles. One gallon of water per person is recommended. Please meet at the Horse Staging Area.

**Core:** Health & Fitness

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## STAFF:

**Park Supervisor:** Raymond Schell

**Interpretive Ranger:** Jessica Bland

**Admin. Staff:** Pam Ueckerman

**Park Maintenance:** Eldon Heydenreich and Lloyd Anderson

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PARK SUPERVISOR:

Thank you for your continued support and interest in White Tank Mountain Regional Park. We realize that you have a choice when it comes to selecting recreation venues and appreciate your business!

Sincerely,

Raymond Schell

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